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Grease

Jeni Zeller

This year's fall musical is *Grease*. The drama students are all very excited for the shows on Thursday, the 5th, and Saturday, the 7th. Show times are at 7:30 p.m. for both nights. It doesn't matter if you've seen the movie or not because this musical is nothing like it. Alex Kading says, "Remember, it's not the movie." Come watch and find out yourself.

Taking the lead parts are seniors David Baxter as Danny and Nicole Person as Sandy. Other main characters in the play are Heidi Behnkendorf, Alex Kading, Mikayla Torpy, Nicole Bosworth, Morgan Coleman, Clint McGuire, Rob Bauer, and Hunter Buscherfield. There are many more people who are taking part in making this musical turn out wonderful, including the AHS drill team. They are helping out in the beauty school drop out scene.

Grease is a musical about high school students as the year goes on. Sandy is a new student at Rydell High. She met Danny over the summer and doesn't know that he goes to school there. They tell the story of high school through their

singing. There are many more couples at the school that is run by the "Pink Ladies" and the "Burger Palace Boys." The "Pink Ladies" is the girls' gang and they hang out with the "Burger Palace Boys." Danny is the leader of the super-cool boys' group. The musical starts out with Rydell High class reunion of '59. The beginning of the year starts and all the students are back to learn. There are parties and the prom as the musical goes on through the year. Many surprises will happen along the way and will shock you. The cast of *Grease* does a good job of keeping the audience entertained the whole entire time with their singing and dancing.

There are many scenes with singing and dancing. Nicole Person says, "Put on your dancing shoes." The cast will brighten your night as they dance across the stage for their prom night and much more. You have a chance to see the hand jive and many more songs you will know. This play is great all the way around and Heidi Behnkendorf says, "We're going to rock your socks off!"

Thoughts on *Grease*

"Very good job actors," Will Chipman

"I liked the Grease Lightnin' jumping," Tasha Hodson

"David made a great Danny," Shanda Tweedy

"It was good," Jordan Gorham

"I didn't have my song down until two days before the show. It was fun," Clinton McGuire

"The drill team did a good job & looked cute!" Kaylee Hockett

"Fantastic job everyone," Amanda Bernhard

"In my attendance at the musical, I thought it was a lovely performance. All the performers did a wonderful job. Congrats to the cast!" Blake Mills

"It was good," Josh Hollinger

"It was quite different than the movie. Everyone did a great job!" Mrs. Spear

"Wow! History making," Ms. L

"The play was fun," Jeff Schipull

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3rd place at State

Natalie Hackbarth

The boys' cross country team had a fantastic season, placing first at the Conference and District meets and third at the State meet.

The State meet was held in Fort Dodge on Saturday, October 31st. The boys finished with 118 points, behind Pella with 95 and Boone with 109. Ryan McMahon finished 4th for the Bulldogs and Chad Rutledge came in 5th. Kyle Walker finished 27th, Alex Kenne

31st, Joe Schattschneider 51st, Derrik Beaumier 58th, and Johnny Aboud came in 103rd place.

The Bulldogs won the District meet at Spencer on Thursday, October 29th. They finished the meet with 33 points with Ryan McMahon in 1st, Chad Rutledge in 2nd, and Alex Kenne in 4th.

The State team graduated four seniors, Chad Rutledge, Kyle Walker, Alex Kenne, and Derek Beaumier.

STATE BOUND: A dream come true

Audrey Schuttler

The Algona Bulldogs volleyball team began the road to the State tournament on Monday, October 26. They faced the Lions from Clear Lake at 7 pm at the Bulldog gym. The Dogs won the first set 25-5. In the second and third sets, the Lions fought back, but the Bulldogs once again came out on top with scores of 25-20 and 25-22. Three players were perfect from the serving line. Junior Laura TerHark went 17 of 17, senior Molly Cook served 11 of 11, and senior Kirsten Lipps served 10 of 10. Natalie Hackbarth had 19 kills, Brittany Vaske had four blocks, Emillie Kenne had 16 set assists, and TerHark dug up 10 balls in the victory.

On Thursday,

October 29, the Bulldogs beat the Indians of Forest City in a thrilling three set match. The Bulldogs won with scores of 28-26, 27-25, and 25-16. Senior, outside hitter, Natalie Hackbarth had a career high kills with 27. "It's an accomplishment that I'm proud of, but none of that could have happened without great passes and great sets," Hackbarth says. TerHark led the team in digs with 24 and Hackbarth also had a big night on defense with 22 digs. With a Regional semi-final win, the Bulldogs moved on in tournament play to the Regional final game.

On Tuesday, November 3, the Bulldogs played the Cadets from Iowa Falls-Alden. The girls came out on top in the match, winning three straight sets, 25-18, 25-20, and 25-13. Senior setters, Emillie Kenne and Molly Cook, each had 19 assists in the victory. Cook led the team in serving going 14 of 14 with one ace. Audrey Schuttler was also perfect behind the line with 13 of 13 and one ace. Algona Head Coach, Shelly TerHark, said, "We did it!" about the win.

The Algona Volleyball team received a bid to the State tournament. They will play Williamsburg on Wednesday, November 11, at 7:15 pm in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, at the U.S. Cellular Center.

ALGONA STATE CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

4th place	Ryan McMahon	16:09
5th place	Chad Rutledge	16:13
27th place	Kyle Walker	17:14
31st place	Alex Kenne	17:18
51st place	Joe Schattschneider	17:46
58th place	Derek Beaumier	17:53
103rd place	Johnny Aboud	20:50

2009 CLASS 3A STATE VOLLEYBALL BRACKET

Dallas Center-Grimes (25-10)

Wednesday, November 11, 3A Quarterfinal
6:00 p.m., COURT ONE

Bishop Heelan (50-5)

Friday, November 13, 3A Semifinal
1:00 p.m., COURT ONE

Marion (36-9)

Wednesday, November 11, 3A Quarterfinal
7:15 p.m., COURT ONE

Pella (39-5)

Saturday, November 14
3A Championship
12:30 p.m. CENTER COURT

Dubuque Wahlert (22-13)

Wednesday, November 11, 3A Quarterfinal
6:00 p.m. COURT TWO

Waverly-Shell Rock (44-5)

Friday, November 13, 3A Semifinal
2:15 p.m., COURT ONE

Williamsburg (26-11)

Wednesday, November 11, 3A Quarterfinal
7:15 p.m., COURT TWO

Algona (37-1)

Boo! Were you Gobble Gobble scared?

Jessica Kuhlmann

This year, Halloween was on Saturday, October 31. Halloween is one of America's favorite holidays, along with Christmas. There are so many reasons why many people love Halloween. You get a lot of candy, get to dress up in a crazy costume, have lots of fun, get to put up decorations, go to haunted houses, and carve jack-o-lanterns. Derrik Johnson says, "As long as I get free candy I'm happy."

There are many different opinions about Halloween, but many Americans have good things to say about it. Gabe Combs went trick-or-treating dressed up as a wizard and said, "It was fun. Old ladies are nice."

Halloween is a great reason to get out and have some fun. Molly Cook and some of her friends went to a haunted house in Spencer and she says, "Natalie punched me in the face in the haunted house; she was so

scurried." Haunted houses were very popular this year. Haunted houses that were close in proximity to Algona were in Spencer and Clear Lake. Other events that were going in Algona included the dawg pound dressing up in their favorite costumes and a parade on Saturday, October 31.

Halloween traces back to the ancient religion of the Celts in Ireland. Samhain, on November 1st, was a time when the division between the two worlds became very thin, when hostile supernatural forces were active and ghosts and spirits were free to do whatever they wished. The barriers between the natural and the supernatural are removed. Halloween is also called All Hallows' Eve and All Saints' Eve.

Many things that happen on Halloween are trick-or-treating, costume parties, bonfires, and divination. Hope everyone had a great Halloween!

Hannah Kadow

It's November, which means Thanksgiving is coming!!! Thanksgiving is a time where kids get out of school for a few days to spend with their family. People eat turkey, ham, potatoes, vegetables, and a lot more. Thanksgiving is on the 26th this year, which is a Thursday. Algona schools get out on the 25th at 2:30, that Wednesday. Kids can rest up that week and get back in the groove of school Monday when they come back. Senior Whitney Harms said, "Thanksgiving is Turktastic." Senior Nicole Person said this about Thanksgiving, "Gobble Gobble."

Pretty much everyone likes to shop, and everyone loves sales. The Friday after Thanksgiving is called "Black Friday" because stores have huge sales going on. Clothing stores have big sales. That's where Audrey Schuttler wants to be. She said, "I

love shopping, especially when there are sales going on." Besides shopping, farmers are going strong in harvesting their crops. They need to get those crops out of the ground before the snow starts to fall. Some families go on trips and some people go hunting during Thanksgiving break. They go hunting with the family they might not get to see very often because they might live far away and come together for Thanksgiving.

In 1621, the 53 surviving Pilgrims celebrated their successful harvest. That celebration is remembered as the first Thanksgiving at Plymouth. The Pilgrims did not call it the first Thanksgiving, even though they gave thanks to God. To them, a day of Thanksgiving was very religious. The first recorded religious day of Thanksgiving was in 1623.

In the FFA room

Bradie Becker

The FFA group is very busy with the fruit, cheese, and sausage fundraiser. The FFA Chapter just wants everyone to know that members to have to have their order sheets turned in to Mr. MacVey by November 14. If you ordered something, it will come in the first week in December.

This Saturday, November 7, 2009, some FFA members will be helping out

with the benefit for the Lee family. If you want to help out in any way or make a donation, you need to talk to Mr. MacVey. The FFA group is hoping to see all Ag students at the benefit in your FFA T-shirts. If you want to buy a raffle ticket for the John Deere Gator or the Snap On tool box available at the benefit, just ask Mr. MacVey.



What's in store for your future?

Allison Kajewski

On Tuesday, November 3, all high school students participated in Career Day. Career Day allows the students to learn about careers they are interested in and give them any information they might need about the career.

From 8:21 AM to 11:00 AM, students attended three out of four sessions. The sessions could have been from agricultural careers to law careers or even military careers. Each session was about 30 minutes long.

The students learned more about the careers having professionals come in and tell them about their jobs rather than teachers just telling them about it or researching it on their own because the community

members have the hands on experience. They also know the ups and downs to the job, all the schooling that would be needed to get as far up in the career as possible, and the pay scale that goes along with the amount of schooling you get for each of their specific fields. Joe Cook said, "Career Day taught me a lot about the insurance field."

Career Day occurs every other year and aims at helping students prepare for their future. By exploring different careers, students may find an area that interests them and begin to take classes while in high school that prepare them for their future job.

Indianapolis trip

Derrik Johnson

On Tuesday, October 20, at about 5:00 A.M., six FFA members departed from Ryann Pearson's house to begin their ten hour trip to Indianapolis to go to the National FFA Convention. The kids and chaperones who went were Maddie Gisch, A.J. Wagner, Karl Nicolaus, Meridith Heinold, Tyler Laubenthal, Ryann Pearson, Andrew Skallerup, chaperone Randy Pearson, and teacher Mr. MacVey. They returned to Algona on Satur-

day, October 24th, at about 3:30 in the afternoon.

Once the FFA members left, they made a pit stop in a town in southern Iowa to spend the night and eat some food. The next morning they left and made their way to Indianapolis for the Convention.

Once they got to the Convention, they attended the opening ceremonies. Once that was done, all the kids went and started walking around. Then, on

A day at daycare

Chelsea Korf

Mrs. Bormann's child development classes are now learning about children and the development through their beginning years. During the classes, students make posters on children's emotions, how children react to things, and also at what ages things happen with them. For example, the students did an exercise on how in the first months babies recognize their parents' faces and they can start determining happy emotions and angry emotions. Students also learned about how children at young ages throw temper tantrums and get upset very easily. Also how children get very possessive of their moms.

Mrs. Bormann wanted to get students to realize what it is like to actually be pregnant, so she got an empathy belly. Through a two weeks time span, the students could wear the empathy belly for any amount of time they wanted. This activity gave them an idea of what you have to go through when you are pregnant. Another thing students could do was just taking a baby home that resembles a live one. After the time spent

with the life-like baby, the students would have to give a one-page report on how it went and what they thought. The baby has a memory chip that records how the baby is treated, including how long they had a wet diaper before being changed, how long they cried, and many other statistics.

Mrs. Bormann decided to send the students to daycares around Algona so students can get experience with children. Cody Combs said, "I'm excited to watch little children all day long." The students have a choice to either go for two mornings or for a full day to a daycare of their choosing. Students can also go in pairs if they choose to or they can go alone and face it by themselves.

As you can see, Mrs. Bormann's child development classes are learning a lot about young children and their development. The hands on, personal experiences the students get from the activities like the empathy belly, taking a life-like baby home, and visiting daycares are enjoyable for the students.

Wednesday night, they all attended a Toby Keith concert. After that they spent a couple days going through Indianapolis. They all went to the Indianapolis Speedway and took a tour of that.

Then, on Saturday, they headed home. Ryann Pearson says, "The trip was awesome."

Eight seniors say Algona racing goodbye

Cody Fortune

On Friday, October 23rd, the Algona football team went to Charles City to take on the Charles City Comets. The Comets defeated Algona 35 to 0. For the seniors, this was the last high school football game of their lives. In the game, Michael McMahon ran the ball for 30 yards and Blair Bradley passed the ball for 15 yards. Michael McMahon led the team on defense with 13 solo tackles and 5 assisted tackles. Brandon Aument said, "I loved every second of it!"

On Friday, October 18th, the Algona Bulldogs took on the Forest City Indians at home. The Bulldogs lost the game 40 to 0. That was their last home game

of the season. Collin Fett ran the ball for 86 yards and Michael McMahon ran for 64 yards. Blair Bradley threw the ball 21 yards during the game. Michael McMahon led the defense again with 7 solo tackles, with Michael Erpelding behind him with 4 tackles.

For the seniors, it was their last football game on the Algona High School field. The seniors who will be leaving are Blake Mills, Brandon Keller, Troy Parsons, Collin Fett, Austin Zadow, Jacob Hilsabeck, Alex Kading, and Clint McGuire. After the game, the seniors marched across the field one last time, and then were joined by their underclassmen teammates.

Megan Simonson

Saturday, November 7th, there will be a racing banquet for all racers who participated at the Algona Raceway this past season. It will take place at the Burt Activity Complex located at 406 Bush Street. Tickets are \$25 and you needed to RSVP to Joe Ringsdorf by October, 25th.

If you raced every week and attend the banquet, you will receive a jacket. If you cannot make the banquet and you were supposed to get a trophy, you need to make other arrangements. Students from Algona High School who participated in racing

for the 2009 season were: Kuleen Parsons raced junior hornets and finished 6th this season, Tate McCurry raced junior hornets and finished 4th, Micah Lavrenz hobby stocks and finished 14th, and Nathan Simpson raced hobby stocks and finished 10th.

The Algona Racetrack has a .4-mile dirt track that is oval. Cars that raced were: junior hornets, hornets, cruiser cars, hobby stocks, 360 modifies, stock cars, and modifies. Micah Lavrenz said, "Dirt's for racing, asphalt's for getting there."

AHS RACERS & PLACES

KULEEN PARSONS 6TH, JUNIOR

TATE MCCURRY 4TH, JUNIOR HORNETS

MICAH LAVRENZ 14TH, HOBBY STOCKS

NATHAN SIMPSON 10TH, HOBBY STOCKS

Swimming towards first

Kelsie Varvel

The Algona Girls' Swimming team went to Regionals on October 31st at 12:00p.m. in Fort Dodge. The girls did very well, finishing with an 8th place finish. The team scored a team record high of 99 points.

Top finishers were Kendall Bosch with an 8th place finish in the 200 IM and 10th in the 100 fly. The 200 medley relay team of

Missy Zadow, Hannah Priest, Kendall Bosch, and JoHanna Degen and the 400 free relay team consisting of Amber Schacherer, Jenni Weaver, Hannah Priest, and JoHanna Degen both finished 7th. And finally, the 200 free relay team of Kendall Bosch, Jenni Weaver, Hannah Priest, and JoHanna Degen placed 8th. Hannah Priest set a new team record

in the 100 breast stroke.

All of the girls finished in the top 25 of their events. They had 14 top 20 finishes and 5 in the top 10, which is the best they have done. The girls had ten event scores, which showed in the final score. The team had several personal bests during the day, which showed the girls had worked hard all season.

The team had a good season, winning four duels, finishing 4th at the Charles City Invite, and finishing 2nd at the Charles City Quad meet. "With the team only losing three seniors and having seven freshmen, there is a good base for the team in the upcoming years," said Coach Fisher.

Thank you for a great season!

NBA returns!

Grayson McElroy

Fall is ending and winter is now upon us and that means only one thing: the NBA is back! The season kicked off October 27th, Tuesday night, with two back-to-back games on the TNT network. The featured games were the Cleveland Cavaliers vs the Boston Celtics and the Los Angeles Lakers vs the Los Angeles Clippers.

The night started off with a close game between the Cavaliers and Celtics. The Celtics eventually claimed the court and won 95-89. LeBron James had an impressive 4 blocks to go along with his 38 points. This season, LeBron now shares the court with new teammate, Shaquille O'Neil. O'Neil was traded to the Cavs from the Phoenix Suns over the summer. This is his 14th season in the NBA.

The defending champion Lakers started out strong as well on Tuesday night. Before the game, the Lakers received their championship rings for their previous season finals victory over the Orlando Magic. This was the Lakers' 15th championship. The championship also provided the Lakers' Phil Jackson with his record 10th NBA title as a head coach. As part of the pregame ceremony, Los Angeles was congratulated by past Laker Hall of Famers including, Jerry West and Magic Johnson.

After a close game, the Lakers defeated the Clippers 99-92. Kobe Bryant ended up with 33 points in the game. The Lakers, Magic, Celtics, and Cavs are expected to have very promising seasons.

College football

Adam Reimers

The college football season is well underway and it has been a pretty good season so far for a few teams, starting with Iowa. They are currently 9-0 on the season. They have a chance of making it to the Rose Bowl if they defeat the next rivals.

There are a bunch of different bowls that other teams can get into if they have a good season. There is also a national championship game.

There are 16 weeks of college football each team plays once a week. There is one other team that is undefeated, and that is Cincinnati.

"College football is one of the most popular sports right now," says "Mr. Heitland. College football is one of the most popular things to watch on TV this time of year.

Iowa plays Northwestern this weekend. Then next week they play Ohio State, which may be a tough game. If they win two out of the next three games they have left, they will get into the Rose Bowl or at least have a good chance at it.



NFL: Week 8

Triston Dacken

Week 8 in the NFL brought quite a bit of excitement and drama to Sunday afternoon.

The New Orleans Saints are 7-0 for the first time in franchise history after Monday night's game against the Atlanta Falcons, which they won 35-27. The Falcons are now 4-3. This is also the first time this year that the Falcons have lost 2 in a row. Drew Brees, the Saints' star quarterback, passed for 308 yards, averaging 9.3 yards per pass and 25-33 passes completed. He threw for two touchdowns

and one interception. Matt Ryan, the Falcons' quarterback, threw for 289 yards, one touchdown, and had a completion record of 19-42, averaging 6.9 yards per pass.

The Indianapolis Colts are on fire, extending their winning streak, and record, to 7-0. They beat the San Francisco 49ers 18-14. The 49ers are now 3-4.

The Dallas Cowboys extend their winning streak to 3 in a beat-down win against the Seattle Seahawks, with the score being 38-17. The Cowboys are now

5-2, while the Seahawks fall to 2-5.

The most anticipated game in the NFL this year passed on Sunday, as Favre had his first game back at Lambeau Field. He and the Vikings improved to 7-1 in their win over the Packers, dispelling any critics who doubted Favre's resolution in his homecoming game. Favre completed 17-28 passes for 4 touchdowns. He averaged 8.7 yards per pass and passed for 244 yards. Aaron Rodgers, the Packers' quarterback, passed for 287 yards, 26-41 passes completed, and

3 touchdowns. He averaged 7 yards per carry.

So, in week 8, some teams rebounded, some fell, and some remained undefeated. Week 9 will be interesting to see whose streaks carry on, and who breaks their streaks.

School News

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Conferences

Ryann Pearson

Algona High School is having parent-teacher conferences on November 9th and 12th. They will be held in the teachers' classrooms. It will start at 4 and end at 7:30. The variety of time and dates is so most parents will be able to attend at some time in the two nights.

At conferences, teachers and parents will be talking about how their kid is doing in their classes. Teachers will tell you what

your grades are and what you're missing for homework and tests.

The students are not required to attend, but it would be nice if they did.

Mr. Cecil is going to talk to most of the parents who come to conferences about MAP testing results. The parents will be receiving their student's quarterly report card. Kaitlyn Sewick said, "I love pheasant hunting on the off day."

La, La, La

Natalie Hackbarth

This is an exciting time for the AHS vocal department. The group is participating in a vocal concert and fundraiser, and planning for the end of the year choir trip.

The group performed at the AHS vocal concert on Tuesday, October 24. The freshmen choir started the night, followed by the All-State members, and then the concert choir. Alex Hagg, Nicole Person, and David Baxter were honored for making the 2009 All-State choir. Two main songs for the concert choir were "Let Everything That Hath Breath" and "Afternoon on a Hill." The choir will be performing again for a winter concert in December.

Amongst all the practicing, the department is getting ready for the 2009 vocal trip. To raise money for this event, the kids hosted a bake sale on Thursday, October 26. They sold all kinds of treats and ended up making \$180.

This year, the choir will be traveling to Denver, Colorado, over break in the spring. Most of the choir members will be attending, but a few will not because of family conflicts. The trip is based on fun and experience. Amongst the singing, the group will be touring the city of Denver. Alex Kading says he is most looking forward to the House of Trampolines.



Four for All-State

Alynnia Freeburg

Auditions for All-State were held on Saturday, October 24, in Storm Lake. Students auditioning for All-State choir included seniors Alex Hagg, David Baxter, Nicole Person, and Amanda Hamilton. Juniors were Abbie Atkinson, Katie Connick, and Megan Gerhardt. Sophomores were Alissa Zwiefel, Alex Harms, and Scott Haas. The freshmen included Nicole Kenne, Hunter Buscherfeld, Bethany Laddusaw, and Meredith Politte. They left at 6:00 am and auditions

lasted until 8:30 pm.

Alex Hagg, David Baxter, and Nicole Person were the lucky three to be named to the All-State choir. It will be Alex's 4th year, David's 3rd year, and Nicole's 2nd year. It is very rare for someone to make All-State all 4 years, so it is quite an accomplishment for Alex.

Band members also tried out on October 24. Seniors who auditioned were Hailey Metzger, Karina Haas, and Christi Johnson. Johnny Aboud was the only

junior. Sophomores were Stella Arndorfer, Breana Johnson, and Dan Haack. Alexis Beenken and Michaela Christian auditioned for the freshmen.

Johnny Aboud was selected to perform in the 2009 All-State Band. It is his first year being chosen. In 2008, he was selected as an alternate. Christi Johnson was chosen as an alternate this year.

The All-State Music Festival will be held November 19-21 and the concert will

be Saturday, November 21. The concert will take place in Ames, at the Iowa State Campus. There will be an orchestra, band, and choir in the concert. It will be on TV over Thanksgiving break. Mrs. Mertz said, "Everyone who auditions becomes a better musician and singer, whether they get in or not."



Modern Warfare

Cody King

Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2 will be released on November 10th, 2009. It is the most anticipated game of the year, and maybe even all time, as there are over 15 million copies sold already. It will be available on the PS3, Xbox 360, and computer. It is rated M for Mature and is being made by the developer Infinity Ward.

Modern Warfare 2 is set several years after the conclusion of the first game. Once again, the Russians are the main threat. Vladimir Makarov has come into power and the global community established Task Force 141 to counter the threat and stop his growing influence and power. Besides the campaign mode, there is a new mode called Special Ops. It is made of short independent missions, like a snowmobile race between two players.

The online portion of the game is the most exciting part. It keeps the

same experience point and ranking system as the previous games. It offers new weapons, equipment, and 15 different kill streak rewards. Among these are the ability to receive supplies after four kills, a predator missile after five kills, and a tactical nuke after 25 kills, which will instantly win the game. You can also now upgrade your perks to a pro level.

Next Tuesday, at 12 A.M., Gamestop stores will be opening to sell the game. If you really want it as soon as possible, head down to Fort Dodge and pick it up.

Set your clocks

Travis Stone

Ever since 1918, the United States established daylight savings time to save energy during World War I, which lasted about 6 months before being impealed. A similar year-round national observance went into effect in World War II, starting on February 9, 1942, and ending September 30, 1945. For the next two decades, it was a big discussion about cities and towns having daylight savings time.

Finally, in 1966, Congress passed the Uniform Time Act; this has daylight savings time starting on the

second Sunday of March. Clocks are set ahead at 2:00 am Sunday afternoon, local standard time, which becomes 3:00 am local daylight time, which becomes 1:00 am local standard time. These dates were established by the Energy Policy Act of 2005. Triston Dacken says, "Daylight savings time is a pain in the butt."

Not all states of the United States observe daylight saving times. Hawaii and most of Arizona do not, and Indiana just picked it up in 2006.

Too wet

Ean Weber

The 2009 harvest season has been nothing but a muddy mess. Some of the local farmers have not been able to get their crops out because of this. Derrik Johnson says, "I can't believe this wetness."

Farmers of the mid-west are really suffering the most because that is where it has rained the most. Farmers are really mudding through this slop and it is damaging equipment because the mud is packing in places and causing things to overheat.

Katie Connick says, "I thank farmers more than all people because they are the reason why I can eat Frosted Flakes in the morning."

The biggest problem with the fields not being har-

vested is that the crops are still sitting in the field and the demand keeps going up. Therefore, the price goes up. Another problem with the soybeans being in the field still is that when they go to harvest them, they will have a problem with shattering. When the farmer goes to harvest his crop, the soybeans have a good chance of shattering when they hit the head of the combine and they will fall on the ground.

Farmers are forced to load their trucks and wagons on the road because of all the mud and water. Travelers really need to watch out for equipment going down the road and trucks sitting on the side of them.

Election results

Molly Cook

On November 3, 2009, Algona held their city elections. Voting polls were held in various places throughout Algona.

Algona's At-Large is Rick Remy, winning with 1,109 votes. There were 19 write-in votes for At-Large. Lynn Kueck is Algona's mayor, winning with 761 votes. Lynn Kueck beat out Ray Morgan, who had 474 votes, and there were 8 write-in votes. Lynn

Kueck will serve as mayor for four years. "Voting was exhilarating," said Cody Fortune.

Josh Aanonson won Ward 1 with 163 votes, beating out Carl Westling who had 142 votes. Chad Besch won Ward 2 with 226 votes, beating out John Aboud who had 190 votes. Harley Kohlhaas won Ward 3 with 241 votes, and there were six write-in votes.